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Representations from the Mill Workers' Union of Kothavalasa, Visakhapatnam district.

* 351 *Q.*—SRI T. VISWANATHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a representation from the Mill Workers' Union of Kothavalasa, Visakhapatnam district, has been received by the Government praying for extension of electricity from Saripalli to Kothavalasa;

(*b*) whether the Government have enquired into the power requirements of Kothavalasa; and

(*c*) whether the Government have taken action upon the representation?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"(*a*) *to* (*c*) The answer is in the affirmative."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:—"Sir, if the Government have received representations and enquired into the power requirements, may I know what are the power requirements of Kothavalasa and when the Government intend to extend power to Kothavalasa?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"Originally, Sir, the scheme was reported to be unremunerative and it was dropped. Again investigation was taken up and as a result of the investigation a proposal has been made to supply 16 Nos. industrial load totalling 645 h.p., 41 Nos. agricultural, totalling 196 h.p., 52 street lights, besides other services, at an estimated cost of Rs. 3;23 lakhs. It has jut been received from the Superintending Engineer, Andhra Power System. It is a major scheme and it is being scrutinized in the technical branch."

Allegations against certain officers in Pykara Dam Works.

* 352 *Q.*—SRI T. VISWANATHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a complaint, dated the 14th September 1952, from one Sri S. Joseph has been received alleging the misappropriation of three tons of iron rods by persons named in the petition who are Government officers engaged in the work in Pykara Dam Works while they were in transit to the site;

(*b*) whether the Government have investigated into the matter; and

(*c*) if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) & (*c*) In July 1952, much before receipt of the petition referred to in the question, the shortage came to notice and the matter was ordered to be investigated. The investigation has not been completed but three of the officials, viz., the Storekeeper, Transport Overseer and Supervisor in charge